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In re Application of:

RICHARD IAN TAYLOR

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
AUGUST 23, 2004 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

A telephone interview was conducted on August 23, 2004 in the above-identified application, between the Examiner and an attorney for the Applicant (Fritz Klantschi, Reg. No. 50,333). This Statement includes the substance of the interview and should be considered as a separate record of the substance of the interview.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney discussed the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, and the Request For Reconsideration filed July 20, 2004. In particular, Applicant's attorney noted that the reasons set out in the Office Action for rejecting independent Claim 8 were based on U.S. Patent No. 5,214,751 (*Robert*), and not U.S. Patent No. 4,916,540

(*Kosaka*), as identified in the Office Action. The Examiner stated he would take note of this, but because he did not have the file he could not comment.

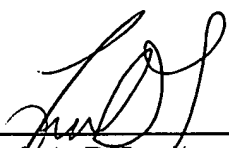
The Examiner proposed Applicant amend the claim language to overcome the prior art, however he did not provide any suggestions, but asked that Applicant review the claims. Applicant's attorney stated that he believes that the claims as currently presented are patentable over the cited prior art, including *Robert*.

The Examiner agreed he would contact Applicant's attorney once he has reviewed Applicant's response filed on July 20, 2004.

Applicant respectfully submits that this Statement is a complete record of the substance of the telephone interview conducted on August 23, 2004.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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